



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Shinichiroh IKEMASU, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2814**

Serial No.: **10/050,169**

Examiner: **WEISS, Howard**

Filed: **January 18, 2002**

Confirmation No.: **9818**

For: **HIGHLY INTEGRATED AND RELIABLE DRAM AND ITS  
MANUFACTURE**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

**BOX AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 19, 2003**, applicants request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application. Claims 1-108 are pending.

**Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Office Action**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the finality of the Office Action. The Examiner had argued that the prior amendment had necessitated the new grounds of rejection. The prior amendment changed "formed through" to read -penetrating through-. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment did not necessitate the new grounds of rejection.